

Highland High School Community Council
Minutes December 10, 2008

Present: Teri Lyn Baucom, Cheryl Benson, Ruth Campbell, Kiersten Cole, Wendy Curtis, Liz Diamond, Matt Evans, Suzanne Hammond, Chris Jenson, Erin Keenan, Karla Keller, Karen Klc, Uinise Langi, Patricia Lawrence, Chris Nielson, Rob Price, Tracy Schmidt, Paul Schulte, Kristi Swett, Molly Welch.

WELCOME: Chris Nielson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 am.

Minutes: November Minutes approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

FUNDRAISERS: Boys Basketball: selling sponsor posters.

Girls Basketball: Navajo Taco night, pick up at the school.

TRIPS: Debate January 15-19, 10-15 students to Henderson NV for Debate Tournament.

Debate January- 2 students, Nationals

All consent agenda approved.

SCC BUSINESS: Chris Nielson

Chris Nielson thanked the administration for the Rachel's Challenge program. Paul Schulte reported this program is trying to get a grant to present to all Utah high schools and they would like to bring it to Highland every year at Ram Camp (Freshman Day). Administration has formed a New Student Committee to welcome new students and send random notes of appreciation to encourage kindness. Paul asked for was SCC could support changes to ways of discipline at Highland.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT: Paul Schulte

IB: has been approved, SIC reached consensus and this program is moving forward in a positive way.

Accreditation: Profile for Highland comes from COW (Committee of the Whole). Will meet January 13 at 2:30 in Room C110 for two hours. Please email or mail feedback to Mr. Schulte by completing the "Guide Questions for the School Profile" distributed at this meeting.

Data: Current tracking reports: Last year 1st quarter had 15 safe school offenses, 5 drug & alcohol offenses, 33 other suspendable offenses. This year 1st quarter had 3 safe school offenses, 3 drug & alcohol offenses, and 0 other. 1st quarter this year has had more in school suspension. It was reported there is different feeling in the school this year, but this data will be tracked for several years. The goal is to have students comfortable with adults in the school to get the help they need.

Lettering: New policies to letter in Performance, Academic and Athletics. Counselors have given feedback. Academic Letter: 3.5 GPA after 5 semesters. There will be an appeal process. Goal is to make it easier to letter to give students the recognition. Josten's will give a discount on a Highland jacket if you show your letter. Performing Arts departments still creating their expectations.

CTE: under Ken Grover. This summer, 2009, full summer school will be offered including classes in Health, Geography, PE, Computer Tech, Financial Literacy and Biology. Funded by USTAR. Hopes to decrease class size as students will be able to take these in the summer making more room for electives in their schedule. All students can take these classes for credit, not just those who previously failed the course as in the past. Attendance will be mandatory as the classes are just for a few weeks. A suggestion was made to have current Highland students assist a Middle School registration to give advice on scheduling. The summer school notice will go out with the registration packet so students can make plan.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT Chris Jenson

Tardy List: Chris reported this has been very successful. The list is posted weekly. Data is on ESIS at end of term for absences to be made up. 7 absences + SSC referral. Students will not graduate without these made up. Administration is prepared for the April scramble. Hot list is used for chronic truancy- it is going down, but will continue to be tracked.

SIC REPORT: Molly Welch

Faculty Report: Molly reported that the Faculty is trying to hold a line with Academics as this is the main reason students are at Highland. SIC will be meeting next Monday, here at 2:30 to discuss. The end of year schedule has been posted and will be more academic. Books are due later, grades due after the end of 4th quarter as these are academics and work should continue. Possible end of term testing days will be scheduled that could also be used for field trip days. ESIS is to be streamlined as sometimes the administrative things keep teachers from teaching.

Closed Campus Discussion: for lunch has been discussed because of tardies and those skipping the last period or bringing lunch into the classroom. Closed Campus does require administrative monitoring. Please send any feed back to Molly.

Regents Scholarship: this was just approved last Spring and is a great opportunity. It was suggested this be introduced to Freshmen as the requirements begin early. Highland can track the core courses and the Scholarship office can provide assistance.

STUDENT UPDATE: Kiersten Cole

The SBO's thanked administration for the Rachel's Challenge program and suggested a banner or way to remind students of what they learned.

Food Drive: students donated 3000 pounds. Way to go!

Winter Prom: Saturday, December 14 at Woods on 9th

WinterFest held next week, then Winter Break.

Charity Drive looking at Coins for Kenya, Ouessoubougo project or Christmas Box House and will be voting. Looking at projects that may have a matching donor for what Highland raises.

Freshman Welcome Night planned for January. Kiersten reported that Highland feels from friendly than those schools reporting problems with hazing incidents. Hazing is problematic to monitor. We must focus on the culture. It was noted that mixing freshmen in with older students creates more community.

Safe School: When students feel safe to speak to adults about issues. Wendy Curtis reported that Highland is tough on students on the weekend and off campus property to send the message that hazing is not tolerated anytime. Keeping control out of school helps keep control at school. What happens on the weekend does affect students during the week.

Musical: High praises were given from the community. It was reported that ALL Arts Departments were involved and this really helped build school community and was an excellent performance.

PTSA REPORT: January Newsletter to be mailed first of February

OTHER: Foundation: Tracy Schmidt

Contributions made to musical and T-shirts at the first of the year. Good feedback was given that the students love being handed a Highland shirt.

Teachers may request funds from the Foundation.

Brick Area will be the focus starting in January to be redone and promotion continued. Logan Tom is to be inducted in the Hall of Fame. Compliments were given to Crystal Watson for the excellent display cases this year.

SPA: Kristi Swett reported that they are now officially part of our Region.

Taking care of our kids: Administration commented that we are watching out for our students in many ways. Last year \$1000 in bus tokens was distributed, vouchers for eyeglasses, medical help, open kitchen at lunch, help with sports equipment, etc. Thanks was given to Faculty and Administration for building up our kids. We no longer have a LINK coordinator in the school, but requests should be made to administrators or counselors. Long term goal is to involve more parents and community to assist.

Meeting adjourned 7:30 am

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Diamond